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Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: San Francisco State 1959 BA; Boalt Hall 1962 JD  
Began Service: February 16, 1988

**Military Service:** United States Army (1952-1955)

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**Richard T. Ford**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Hastings 1958  
Began Service: January 1, 1988

**Military Service:** United States Army

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**Number of Judgeships:** 14

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma

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**Vaughn R. Walker**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Michigan 1966 AB; Stanford 1970 JD  
Began Service: February 5, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert J. Kelleher, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1971-1972)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1972-1977); Partner, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1978-1990)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Conference of Federal Trial Judges; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Judicial Advisory Board; Northern District of California Historical Society; Stanford Law Society; St. Francis Foundation

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**Marilyn Hall Patel**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1959 BA; Fordham 1963 JD  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice (1967-1971)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alameda County Municipal Court (1976-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Benson & Morris (1963-1964); Corporation Trust Company (1964-1967); Private Practice (1964-1967); Private Practice (1972-1976)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; American Bar Association; National Women Judges Association

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**James Ware**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;  
Stanford 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977); Partner, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1977-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

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Education: Santa Clara 1992 JD

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**Sandra Brown Armstrong**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 21, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

**Government:** Policewoman, Oakland Police Department (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant, California Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice (1979-1980); Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California (1980-1982); Prosecutor, Public Integrity Section, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole Commission (1986-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior Court, Alameda County (1989-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alameda County Bar Association; American Bar Association; California Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bar Association; National Council of Negro Women; Wiley Manuel Bar Association

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**Ronald M. Whyte**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County (1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Associate then Partner, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel (1971-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Inn of Court; Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Northern California; California Judges Association; California State Bar; Federal Judges Association; Intellectual Property Inn of Court; Santa Clara County Bar

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**Claudia A. Wilken**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;  
Boalt Hall 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New College School of Law (1980-1985)

**Government:** Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972); Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (1983-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

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